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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1915-1916

Moderator
LINDLEY F. WYMAN

Selectmen
RODNEY H. PRINCE THOMAS W. HARVELL
GEORGE L. GOODALE

School Board
W. W. SLOAN FANNIE L. CLARK
CORA E. HOLBROOK

Town Treasurer
WILLIAM E. MURPHY

Tax Collector
CHARLES W. GOING

Town Clerk
W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent
JOHN H. DODGE

Auditors
W. D. CLARK CHARLES P. DODGE

Supervisors of Check List
W. E. MURPHY W. D. HOLBROOK
HAROLD H. WILKINS

Health Officer
L. F. WYMAN

Police
W. E. JENNINGS, Chief CHAS. A. PEABODY
JAMES H. BARKER

Fire Wards
W. W. Sloan, Chief F. O. STEVENS
C. F. WELLS

Forest Fire Warden
W. W. SLOAN

Sealer of Weights and Measures
HAROLD W. PERRY

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges and make appropriations for the same.

4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of town poor.

5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the town debt.

6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400 for sidewalks.

8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the firewards to purchase some kind of a motor driven chemical truck for fire purposes, and raise and appropriate money for the same, not to exceed the sum of $1200.

9. To see if the town will vote to furnish some kind of a fire fighting apparatus for the protection of property at Baboosic Lake, or take any action in relation thereto.

10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the improvement of the highway leading from Amherst Village to Ponemah, or take any action in relation thereto.

11. To hear the reports of all town officers, agents and committees and pass any votes relating thereto.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,
THOMAS W. HARVELL,
GEORGE L. GOODALE,
Selectmen.

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, APRIL 1, 1915

Number of polls		266
Improved and unimproved land and buildings	$870,492 00	
Horses, 278	32,549 00	
Asses and mules, 3	350 00	
Oxen, 2	90 00	
Sheep, 1	2 00	
Cows, 514	23,116 00	
Neat stock, 45	1,665 00	
Hogs, 23	374 00	
Fowls, 2221	1,666 00	
Vehicles and automobiles	10,290 00	
Portable mills	200 00	
Wood and lumber etc., not stock in trade	18,005 00	
Municipal bonds and notes	15,460 00	
Stock in National banks, this state	47,750 00	
Money on hand or deposit	50,098 00	
Stock in trade	15,385 00	
Aqueducts	800 00	
Total, exclusive of exemption		$1,088,292

Report of Selectmen

Town Officers

Wm. E. Murphy, auditor 1913	$ 4 00	
T. W. Harvell, selectman bal. 1914	12 00	
G. E. Hartshorn, selectman bal. 1914	15 00	
F. C. Taylor, selectman bal. 1914	12 00	
E. E. Weston, collecting taxes 1914	58 00	
Walter D. Holbrook, supervisor	5 00	
G. W. Going, part pay collecting taxes	45 00	
W. E. Murphy, part pay, treasurer	40 00	
H. H. Wilkins, supervisor	5 00	
L. F. Wyman, moderator	3 00	
W. E. Murphy, treasurer bal. 1915	35 00	
Rodney H. Prince, selectman	180 00	
Rodney H. Prince, overseer poor	20 00	
Thomas Harvell, selectman	111 00	
Wm. W. Sloan, town clerk	60 00	
Charles P. Dodge, auditor	4 00	
George L. Goodale, selectman	145 00	
Wm. E. Jennings, dog killer	1 75	
E. E. Weston, expense to Concord	5 00	
		$760 75

Schools

Schools	$7,902 58

Town Library

Flora A. Hanson	$300 00	
F. T. Boutelle, painting	30 00	
Interest on Parker Fund	30 80	
		$360 80

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, D. A. Peabody	$75 00

Insurance on Library

W. B. Rotch:		
Insurance on furnishings	$ 8 80	
Insurance on building	18 75	
		$27 55

Sidewalks

Improvement Society	$ 75 00	
Frank Tardif	240 70	
		$315 70

Board of Health

L. F. Wyman	$7 00	
F. C. Taylor	7 00	
		$14 00

Town Hall

Milford Light & Power Co.	$64 85	
Milford Light & Power Co.	65	
A. L. Martin, supplies	7 97	
Lemuel Fuller, wood	12 25	
F. C. Taylor, repairing	3 50	
F. T. Boutelle, old bill	3 15	
W. W. Sloan, care town hall	50 00	
G. L. Goodale, repairs	4 50	
		$146 87

Street Lights

Milford Light & Power Co.	$760 03

Forest Fires

W. W. Sloan	$178 50

Notes and Interest

Merrimack River Savings Bank	$1,449 36	
Souhegan National Bank	3,057 67	
		$4,507 03

County Tax

Albert White	$1,850 19

State Tax

State Treasurer	$2,552 00

Water Bill

F. W. Noyes, old bill	$ 6 00	
J. A. Hanson	2 00	
Elizabeth W. Nichols	32 00	
F. C. Taylor	6 00	
E. H. Peaslee	2 00	
Frank Hartshorn	3 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	28 00	
C. P. Wheeler	3 00	
H. T. Harvell	2 00	
George P. Bennett, old bill	3 00	
George P. Bennett	3 00	
F. W. Noyes	6 00	
		$96 00

Fire Department

Milford Light & Power Co.	$ 1 00
A. L. Martin, mdse.	43
Milford Light & Power Co.	11 00
W. W. Sloan, supplies	8 04
F. P. Wilson, labor	1 12
American La France Engine Co.	15 00
L. F. Wyman, pay firemen	200 00
A. L. Martin, supplies	5 56
Knight & Thomas, extinguishers	140 75
H. B. Burtt, supplies	2 59
Charles O'Neil, labor	2 22
F. C. Taylor, supplies	4 62
Chas. O'Neil, labor	4 00
Putnam Jenkins, labor	2 10
Fred O. Stevens, fire ward	10 00
C. F. Wells, fire ward	10 00
W. W. Sloan, fire ward	15 00
F. C. Taylor	2 50

W. W. Sloan	2 57	
W. W. Sloan, care engine house	60 00	
A. L. Martin, call to fire	1 00	
		$499 50

Abatement of Taxes

E. E. Weston for 1914	$53 53	
C. W. Going	63 63	
		$117 16

Highway and Bridges

J. H. Dodge, rep. highways & bridges	$3,294 40

Snow Bills

J. H. Dodge	$115 64

New State Road

$7,650 35

Repair New State Road

$346 51

State Road Repairs

J. H. Dodge	$293 46

Received from State for New State Highway

Received from State for new State Highway	$2,933 65
Repairs	336 33

Spraying

E. S. Robinson	$271 92	
Milford Machine Works	4 00	
John B. Varick, lead	33 75	
Freight on lead	61	
A. L. Martin, supplies	24 14	
H. B. Burt, supplies	9 19	
R. H. Prince, gasolene	1 70	
F. C. Taylor, supplies	35	
John Pesterfield and lead	37 50	
W. B. Rotch, printing	2 00	
		$385 16

Cemetery Account

A. L. Goodale, sexton	$ 15 00	
L. F. Wyman	28 00	
L. F. Wyman	72 70	
H. D. Harvell, paint. & work on gate	2 00	
L. F. Wyman	105 00	
H. B. Burtt, supplies	3 20	
L. F. Wyman	120 25	
Prince & Clark, lumber	3 84	
W. L. Cross, care of lots	1 00	
W. L. Cross, care of lots	9 00	
Tonella & Sons, stone	7 87	
Chas. R. Russell, surveying	16 00	
H. T. Harvell, labor	2 00	
F. C. Taylor, supplies	2 50	
Thomas R. Bullock, for land	250 00	
L. F. Wyman, sexton	28 75	
		$667 11

Town Poor

Mrs. Rideout	$ 82 05	
Emily Sawtell	120 00	
Carl Pearson	120 00	
P. B. Flint	66 00	
Austin R. Merrill	39 29	
Dennis Buckley	30 00	
Ben. Butterfield	16 50	
David Geddis	12 00	
Fred Wilson	14 00	
		$499 84

County Poor

George Merrill	$71 00	
Mrs. A. E. Hammond	35 12	
Dr. Burns, medical attendance	9 00	
Dr. Burns, Davis family	1 50	
Mrs. McLean	40 28	
Charles Merrill	39 10	
		$197 00

Soldiers' Aid

O. P. Smith	$ 8 50	
Lillian Lovejoy for Mrs. Stevenson	96 00	
		$104 50

Picking Moths

Forest West	$51 70

New England Telephone Co.

	$7 88

Police

W. E. Jennings	$68 28	
Irving F. Goodwin	11 74	
C. A. Peabody	10 00	
		$90 02

Painting Bridges

J. R. Horn, painting	150 00	
A. L. Martin, paint	6 60	
Billings Chapin Co., paint	67 50	
		$224 10

Miscellaneous

Edson C. Eastman	$ 2 56
Madeline Taylor, sending reports	2 25
Frederick Chandler, M.D.	25
W. E. Murphy, premium on bond for treasurer	12 00
W. B. Rotch, printing town reports	66 75
H. B. Burtt, stationery	1 12
H. B. Burtt, stamps	8 06
W. F. French, supplies	53
A. L. Martin, tak'g tramp to Grasmere	5 00
Annie E. White, return transfer	7 24
W. E. Jennings, care sick tramp	8 75
W. E. Jennings, care tramps	3 75
W. W. Sloan, horses on hearse	11 00
Edson C. Eastman, invoice book	14 75
George S. Hamlin, county sealer	4 10

Emma L. Clark, clerical work	19 00	
W. E. Murphy, stamps on note	60	
H. W. Perry, exp. on weights & meas.	3 25	
A. L. Martin, conveying police	1 00	
W. E. Jennings, tramps	1 50	
Malcolm D. Clark, carrying police	3 00	
Wason & Moran, approving title	5 00	
Milford Machine Works	7 90	
H. B. Burtt, supplies	30	
W. E. Jennings, care tramps	2 25	
F. T. Boutelle, painting	2 50	
W. E. Jennings, care tramps	2 00	
H. W. Perry, freight on weight	1 10	
H. B. Burtt, stationery	4 13	
Edson C. Eastman, order books	1 81	
W. E. Jennings, care tramps	50	
W. E. Jennings, sending notices to dog owners	1 60	
R. H. Prince, bounty on hedge hogs	2 80	
L. F. Wyman, horses on hears e	52 00	
R. H. Prince, 2 trips to Grasmere & 2 to Manchester, etc.	23 19	
T. W. Harvell, bounty on hedge hogs	1 20	
W. W. Sloan, returning marriages, births and deaths	11 00	
W. W. Sloan, care town clock	15 00	
Geo. L. Goodale, 2 trips to Manchester to meet Tax Com.	8 50	
A. L. Martin, supplies	95	
		$320 19

RODNEY H. PRINCE,
THOMAS W. HARVELL,
GEORGE L. GOODALE,
Selectmen of Amherst.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Report of Town Treasurer

Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1915	$ 6,205 88	
C. W. Going, collector taxes 1915	17,423 02	
E. E. Weston, collector taxes 1914	2,083 76	
E. E. Weston, col't'r int. on taxes '14	59 75	
Insurance tax	3 75	
Railroad tax	830 91	
Savings bank tax	1,868 15	
Literary fund	133 90	
School fund	875 63	
Interest on trust funds	160 89	
Souhegan National Bank	3,000 00	
State treasurer for new state road	2,933 65	
State Treas., state road maintenance	336 33	
State Treas. for forest fires	48 57	
Emma F. Stevens, cemetery fund	100 00	
F. L. Boutelle, cemetery fund	100 00	
Ella Kenson, cemetery fund	100 00	
Charles Monson, for land	25 00	
A. L. Goodale, cemetery	10 00	
Junk license	6 00	
Peddler's license	2 00	
Pool license	20 00	
Bowling alley license	30 00	
Milford Light & Power Co., disc'ts	5 62	
Hillsboro County	278 47	
L. F. Wyman, sale cemetery lots	12 00	
Rent of hall	62 00	
Dog license	180 60	
Spraying trees	121 89	
		$37,017 77

Cr.

Paid on selectmen's orders	$34,411 52	
Cash in treasury	2,606 25	
		$37,017 77

Recapitulation

Whole amount received	$37,017 77	
Paid on orders	34,411 52	
Cash in treasury	$2,606 25	
Uncollected taxes 1915	2,449 50	
		$5,055 75
Cemetery funds and int. in treas'y	$ 3,221 35	
Notes outstanding	12,000 00	
		$15,221 35
Town's indebtedness		$10,165 60

W. E. MURPHY,
Treasurer.

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W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors.

CEMETERY FUNDS IN TREASURY

		Int.	Exp.	Bal.
Charles H. Nutt		$10 20	$4 00	$6 25
Charles H. Campbell		19 45	11 00	8 45
Henry Howard		7 16	3 00	4 16
Sarah F. Upham		11 31	7 00	4 31
Laura E. Belden		37 76	18 00	19 76
Isaac B. Dodge		7 22	2 00	5 22
Mary W. Richardson		9 97	3 00	6 97
Bartholemew Dodge	$100 00	14 96	3 75	11 21
Roxanna H. Cutter	100 00	24 01	2 75	21 26
Harriet F. Clark	100 00	19 30	3 00	16 30
M. Francis Moor	100 00	13 47	4 75	8 72
Henry C. Dodge		27 60	8 00	19 60
George Boutelle	100 00	11 39	2 50	8 89
John H. Clark		9 09	2 00	7 09
James W. Prince		7 93	5 50	2 43
Lucy Boylston		8 71	4 50	4 21
Hannah C. Foster		5 13	2 50	2 63
Kate R. Hamilton	75 00	18 08	2 00	16 08
Mrs. J. P. Nourse	50 00	9 42	1 75	7 67
Mrs. Charles McAfee		6 90	3 25	3 65
Chester Shipley		4 01	3 50	51
John A. Ober	50 00	7 97	2 00	5 97
Henry Merrill	100 00	24 63	40	24 23
Henry W. Secomb	50 00	5 55	2 50	3 05
Wilson D. Forsaith		11 83	3 50	8 33
Oscar Shaffer	100 00	8 96	3 00	5 96
Mary Carlton	100 00	11 77	3 50	8 27
Sarah A. Osgood	200 00	29 93	4 25	25 68
Abigal Towne	150 00	21 32	3 00	18 32
Sarah C. Aiken	50 00	4 90	3 00	1 90
Eliza C. Darrah	50 00	6 52	1 50	5 02
Lucinda J. Bills	100 00	12 01	3 00	9 01
Mary J. Shipley	100 00	11 80	2 50	9 30
George F. Lynch	100 00	14 65	8 50	6 15
Charles C. Clark	60 00	4 44	1 75	2 69
Aaron S. Wilkins	100 00	8 60	3 25	5 35
John F. Langley	100 00	7 51	3 00	4 51
Catherine E. Upham	100 00	11 47	60	10 87
Jeremiah Upton	100 00	6 66	2 75	3 91

		Int.	Exp.	Bal.
Sarah W. Kendall	200 00	17 81	3 25	14 56
H. C. Bills	50 00	4 10	2 25	1 85
Agnes R. Laselle	50 00	1 95	1 25	70
Lucy W. Blunt		8 71	2 00	6 71
David E. Fisk		28 02	18 75	9 27
Abby F. Dodge		8 80	4 50	4 30
Emma F. Stevens	100 00	2 77		2 77
F. B. Boutelle	100 00	1 46		1 46
Ella Kenson	100 00	84		84
	$2,835 00	$568 10	$181 75	$386 35

Cemetery Funds Invested

E. Parker, in Amoskeag bank		$1,000 00
Dr.		
To interest from bank		$40 80
Cr.		
By cash paid for care of lot	10 00	
By cash paid to library trustees	30 80	
		$40 80

Funds in Amoskeag Bank

Lucy W. Blunt	$100 00	
Charles H. Campbell	400 00	
John H. Clark	100 00	
James U. Prince	100 00	
Lucy F. Boylston	300 00	
Hannah C. Foster	100 00	
Mrs. Charles McAfee	100 00	
Chester Shipley	100 00	
Wilson D. Forsaith	200 00	
Mary R. Richardson	100 00	
Sarah Upham	200 00	
		$1,800 00

Funds in Mechanics Bank

Charles H. Nutt	$ 300 00	
Henry Howard	200 00	
Isaac B. Dodge	100 00	
Henry C. Dodge	400 00	
David E. Fisk	1,000 00	
Laura E. Belden	200 00	
		$2,200 00

Fund in Merrimack River Bank

Abby F. Dodge	$300 00

David E. Fiske Highway Fund

Fund in Merrimack River Savings Bank	$2,000 00
Dr.	
To interest received from bank	$80 81
Cr.	
By amount expended on highways	$80 81

Mary P. Nutt School Fund

Fund in savings banks	$5,000 00

W. E. MURPHY,
Treasurer.

Report of Tax Collector

Tax for 1915

Dr.

To amount of tax as assessed	$19,545 32	
To amount of extra tax	327 20	
		$19,872 52

Cr.

By amount paid town treasurer	$17,423 02	
Uncollected and in hands of collector	2,449 50	
		$19,872 52

Abatement of Taxes 1915

Louis Lovejoy, over tax	$ 4 64	
C. W. Barrett	2 67	
Lemuel Fuller	56 32	
		$63 63

C. W. GOING,
Tax Collector.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Report of Road Agent

J. H. DODGE, Road Agent,
In account with the Town of Amherst

Dr.

Received from town treasurer on Orders of selectmen	$3,294 40
Rent of land	2 00
Loan of pump	2 50
Dynamite sold	3 26
Old bridge plank sold	2 00

Cr.

E. P. West and team	$574 14
Frank Bills	276 85
George Parker	271 00
W. A. Moulton	243 24
William White	118 35
Sam. Mitchell	32 00
J. R. Atkinson	25 78
Carl Anderson	58 00
A. L. Pease	43 10
Joe Brooman	4 50
F. D. West	20 32
L. B. Lovejoy	25 00
American Express Co.	54
Robert Converse	7 50
Berlin Construction Co.	288 00
Fred Hubbard	1 10
Roy Carpenter	22 00
Charles Pettingale	3 50
F. S. Keyser	4 44
A. W. Ogden	10 93
J. A. Hanson	38 27
H. T. Harvell	18 26
J. E. Caldwell	13 00
M. T. Campbell	3 88

Levi Stockwell	31 44
Thomas Harvell	9 44
J. M. Jackson	1 28
Frank Hartshorn Co.	79 02
J. R. Horne	5 35
Ames Plow Co.	7 65
H. M. Hayward	13 90
Perry, Buxton, Doane Co.	10 50
William West	1 00
North East Metal Co.	32 40
Mrs. K. A. Wetherbee	50
B. & M. freight	1 40
Kendall & Wilkins	11 50
A. L. Martin	12 43
Good Road Machin Co.	19 30
W. B. Warren	27 00
Lemuel Fuller	56 30
Perrin, Seamens Co.	4 51
V. H. Plummer	8 00
R. H. Prince	15 00
Charles Pherson	2 50
L. E. Clark	1 00
F. T. Boutelle	1 25
C. P. Dodge	5 00
H. B. Burtt	3 68
George L. Goodale	2 25
F. C. Taylor	8 44
J. H. Dodge	405 99
J. H. Dodge team carting	363 93
J. H. Dodge team car help	58 50

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W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Dr.

Amount received of town treasurer on orders of selectmen	$115 64

Cr.

George L. Goodale	$ 4 75
Thomas W. Harvell	14 42
H. A. Nelson	10 75
A. L. Pease	1 67
William Jennings	7 50
Mark Bennett	3 10
H. E. Hall	1 32
Mrs. K. A. Wetherbee	2 25
Henry Lang	3 44
H. J. Cochran	5 25
H. M. Hayward	4 75
J. E. Fowle	11 44
Richard Elliott	3 00
J. H. Dodge	27 75
Philip Fuller	6 20
Harry Boutelle	1 00
Richard Hare	2 00
A. Hubley	2 25
F. W. Noyes	2 80

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Repairing State Highway

Dr.

Received from treasurer as per order of Selectmen	$293 46

Cr.

J. R. Atkinson	$29 00
Carl Anderson	10 00
E. P. West and team	9 00
Frank Bills	33 10
George Parker	31 00
J. H. Atkinson	20 00
W. A. Moulton	24 55
Lemuel Fuller	31 50
Mrs. D. Burns	2 00
Mrs. F. W. Chase	16 64
William Smith	2 56
Harry Boutelle	4 50
J. H. Dodge	42 86
J. H. Dodge team	36 75

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W. D. CLARK,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors

STATEMENT BY N. H. HIGHWAY DEPT.

Construction Account for 1915—South Side Road

Bal. from 1914 appropriations, state	$ 731 64	
From 1915 state appropriations	3,872 50	
Totals		$4,604 14
Bal. from 1914 appropriations, town	$ 746 95	
From 1915 town appropriations	3,872 50	
		$4,619 45
Grand totals		$9,223 59

Total state expenditures:	
Engineering	$ 80 23
Culverts	38 42
Cassidy Bros.	55 78
Cassidy Bros.	87 22

Town of Milford, roller	301 00	
W. F. French	31 83	
W. F. French	9 59	
H. K. Fuller	33 00	
Haseltine & Caldwell	116 48	
C. L. Hoffman & Son (Bal. due on 1914 contract)	792 49	
A. E. White, labor	75 90	
A. E. White, labor	48 55	
Total		$1,670 49
Labor paid by the town		$7,553 10
Total expend.		$9,223 59
Paid by state to town:		
Check, May 28	$ 800 00	
Check, June 11	1,000 00	
Check, July 29	1,000 00	
Check, Feb. 11	133 65	
Total		$2,933 65
State expenditures	$1,670 49	
Paid state to town	2,933 65	
Total		$4,604 14
Town expenditures		$7,553 10
Minus checks from state		2,933 65
Total		$4,619 45
Balance in state	$ 0 00	
Balance in town	0 00	

Maintenance Account—Trunk Line

State contribution	$958 46	
Town contribution	175 00	
Total maintenance fund		$1,133 46
Oil		$659 40
State disbursements, Eng.		$6 91
Town disbursements		$1,100 55
State to town, Sept. 17	$19 50	
State to town, Oct. 29	98 28	

State to town, Nov. 12	26 48	
State to town, Nov. 26	32 25	
State to town, Dec. 17, N. F. Harris	84 64	
State to town, Dec. 31, N. F. Harris	21 00	
State to town, Jan. 28, N. F. Harris	10 00	
Town disbursements charged town		$159 00
State disbursements		$951 55
Balance in state treasury		0 00
Balance in town treasury		$16 00

F. E. EVERETT,
State Highway Commissioner.
Per. C. C. Howe.

Maintenance Account—State Aid Road

State contribution	$163 43	
Town contribution	149 87	
Total maintenance fund		$313 30
State disbursements		$3 61
Town disbursements		309 69
State to town, Oct. 28	$ 21 11	
State to town, Nov. 20	126 34	
State to town, Dec. 17	12 37	
Town disbursements charged town		$149 87
State disbursements		$159 82
Balance in town treasury		$21 25

F. E. EVERETT,
State Highway Commissioner.
Per. C. C. Howe.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SPALDING SCHOOL FUND

Dr.

Balance Feb. 15, 1915	$10,000 00	
Dividend Peterboro R. R. stock	60 00	
Dividend City Nashua 4's bonds	80 00	
iDvidend City Laconia 4's bonds	80 00	
Dividend Amoskeag Savings Bank	66 74	
Dividend Concord Water bonds	105 00	
		$10,391 74

Cr.

Paid W. D. Clark, Dist. Treas.	$ 391 74	
Dep. Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,500 00	
2 City Nashua 4's bonds	2,000 00	
2 City Laconia 4's bonds	2,000 00	
Peterboro R. R. stock	1,500 00	
3 Concord water bonds	3,000 00	
		$10,391 74

FRANK HARTSHORN,
WILLIAM PRATT,
Trustees

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 14, 1916.

REPORT OR TRUSTEES OF AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL FUND

Dr.

Balance Feb. 15, 1915	$1,542 32	
Interest	63 45	
		$1,605 77

Cr.

Paid Treas. School District	$ 63 45	
Deposited in City Guaranty Savings Bank, Nashua	1,542 32	
		$1,605 77

CHARLES P. DODGE,
FRANK A. HOLBROOK,
Trustees

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1916.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Officers

President	Charles P. Dodge
Secretary and treasurer	Mrs. Flora A. Hanson
Librarian appointed by trustees	Mrs. Alice M. Wyman

Trustees

Miss Lucy R. Fletcher	Term expires	March		1916
Harold H. Wilkins	"	"	"	1916
Mrs. Jennie Walker	"	"	"	1917
Charles P. Dodge	"	"	"	1917
Mrs. Flora A. Hanson	"	"	"	1918
Rev. Jonathan Lewis	"	"	"	1918

The Trustees again submit their annual report and are pleased to advise an increase in circulation of both books and magazines as well as cards issued and families represented. With funds available we have been able to purchase more books than last year and the number donated exceeds that of several years. Much needed repairs have been made on the building including painting the wood work outside, and dressing over the floors. The grounds have been kept in fine condition and we feel that the property as a whole is a credit to the town.

Statistics for the Year

Number of books issued	5,782
Number of magazines issued	1,725
Total circulation	7,507
Number of books, non fiction	752
Number of books, fiction	5,030

Books taken out by adults	4,148
Books taken out by juveniles	1,634
Number of cards issued	386
Number of families represented	151
Number of volumes purchased	78
Number of volumes donated	45
Number of magazines bound	21
Number of books purchased to replace	4
Public documents	12
Total additions	156
Total number of volumes Feb. 15, 1916	5,680

The Parker Fund

From the town treasurer there was received $40.93 with which 28 volumes have been purchased.

The Osgood Bequest

From the bequest of Mrs. Sarah A. Osgood 1 volume was purchased.

General Gifts

A picture of Albert A. Rotch from Mrs. Helen R. Warren.

California and other views from Mrs. Geo. W. Nichols.

Congregational Church manuals from 1846-1914. An ancient deed, from Col. W. B. Rotch.

Cradle 150 years old, from Mrs. J. A. Skinner.

Letters from John Farmer to Isaac Spaulding and others, from Mrs. Geo. W. Nichols.

New Hampshire Register and United States Calendar 1824, from L. F. Wyman.

Plan of the old Congregational Church on Amherst Plains from Mrs. E. F. Locke.

Record of deaths in Town of Amherst from 1804-1816 kept by John Farmer during a part of the above period. This is probably the only correct record in existance, as Rev. Jeremiah Barnard discontinued registering the deaths in his church record—from Miss Susie Aiken.

Ten California post cards from R. D. Ware.
Three booklets from Mrs. F. A. Hanson.

Mrs. N. S. Bean	11 volumes
Mary Baker Eddy Fund	10
R. D. Ware	8
Mrs. F. A. Smith	5
Miss S. M. Stewart	2
Miss L. R. Fletcher	2
George W. Putnam	2
Mrs. F. A. Hanson	1
Mrs. Geo. A. Spalding	1
Miss Helen Secomb	1
S. J. Buck	1
S. Thompson	1

Christian Science Journal Eddy Fund
Current Opinion 1915, R. D. Ware
McClure Magazine, a friend
Milford Cabinet, Col. W. B. Rotch
National Geographic Magazine, M. Nevin
Old Colony Memorial 1915, gift unknown
Review of Reviews from R. D. Ware
Silver Cross from King's Daughters
The Inauguration of Edward Thomson Fairchild as President of New Hampshire College
The Rockefeller Foundation annual report 1913-14.
Twenty-first annual report of Lake Mohonk conference on International Arbitration, 1915.
Pamphlets 11.
We are indebted to Mr. F. W. Noyes for fertilizer for shrubs.

Magazines

The list of magazines is as follows, volumes bound last year being indicated by an asterisk.
American Boy
Atlantic*
Century Magazine*
Granite Monthly*
Harper's Magazine*
Ladies' Home Journal
Little Folks (Amer. Edition)*
McClure

Munsey
National Geographic Magazine*
Popular Mechanics*
Review of Reviews*
Scribner's Magazine*
Something To Do, Juvenile*
St. Nicholas*
World's Work*
Youth's Companion

A list of the books added during the year may be secured of the librarian.

The treasurer's report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES,
By the President.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY.

In account with Flora A. Hanson, Treasurer.

Dr.

Balance	$124 50	
Appropriation	300 00	
Parker Fund	30 80	
For painting Library	30 00	
Fines	4 16	
Gift from a friend	1 50	
Total		$490 96

Cr.

Librarian	$52 00	
Janitor	25 00	
Books	89 88	
Magazines	31 00	
Fuel	41 35	
Care of grounds	55 25	
Binding and repairs on books	30 93	
Painting library	44 00	
Lighting and repairs on lights	17 28	
Printing	11 90	
Express, postage and supplies	7 38	
Typewriting cards	2 25	
Cleaning library	5 00	
Repairs on library	1 80	
Balance on hand	75 94	
		$490 96

FLORA A. HANSON,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. P. DODGE,
W. D. CLARK,
Auditors

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

AND

DISTRICT TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF AMHERST

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1916

Warrant for Annual School District Meeting.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 15th day of March 1916, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

8. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for repairs and furnishing of school houses.

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for salaries of the officers of the school district.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 24th day of February, 1916.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,
FANNIE L. CLARK,
CORA E. HOLBROOK,
School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR

One Year

Lawrence Doyle
Vena Woolley
George W. Boutelle
Norman B. C. Emerson
Erwyne P. Seabury
Carolyn F. Colburn
Norman Vincent
Marjorie Bills
Dwight P. Brown
Harry F. W. Monson
Roy E. Towne
Esther F. M. Monson

Two Terms

Agnes Sullivan
Oscar W. Pearson
Annette Merrill
Guy Nelson
Herbert Boutelle
Esther M. Richardson
William H. Ring
Henry W. Robinson
James Henderson
Donald Caldwell
Hazel Plummer
Ruth O. Richardson

One Term

Thomas Doyle
Walter Sullivan
Arthur White
John Collins
Irene Consigli
Ernest Bergerson
Amos White
John Brown
Alice Bergeron
Forest Peterson
Pearl Mason
Ethel V. Adams
Ruth A. Adams
Clarence E. Richardson
Alden Clark
Main Hartshorn
Algot Monson
Clarence Richardson
Ruth Richardson
Esther Richardson
Helma Monson
Evelyn Wheeler
Laura H. Gibson
Inez G. C. Peterson
Ruth M. Atkinson
Howard B. Crooker
Ralph Plummer
Luella Ring
Carl W. Prince

Graduates from Grammar School June 1915

Alma A. Monson	Charlotte A. Boutelle
Esther Davidson	F. Earl Bills
Warren B. Boutelle	Ralph P. Nelson
Clesson Field	William Murphy
Lucile Colburn	John V. Pearson
Lester Bartlett	Stuart Trow
Elizabeth Weston	Elizabeth Hardy
Dorothy Goodale	Lucy A. Odell

Graduates from Amherst High School June 1915

Olga V. Pherson	Mary Cynthia Palmer

Amherst Graduates from Milford High School June 1915

Mildred Elizabeth Hunnewell	Katherine M. Clarkin
Bessie Hazel Pettengill	Doris Hardy

Estimates

Amount required for books and scholars' supplies the coming year	$ 400 00
Amt required for flags and appurtenances	25 00
Amt required by law for support of schools	2,392 50
Amt required to be raised to rec. state aid	5,248 48

W. W. SLOAN,
FANNIE L. CLARK,
CORA E. HOLBROOK,
Board of Education.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This has been a notable year for Amherst schools. The work has progressed quietly, but during the year much has been done that will be of lasting benefit. We have continued to employ competent teachers who are well trained or have had acceptable experience. We have continued the successful work of the new high school and have corrected the faults found during the first year. While some of our buildings need attention, as a whole they are comfortable and neat. We are educating the children to live in their own town yet offering to each an opportunity to prepare for continuing his education elsewhere if he so desires. I am aware of the fact that our schools have faults, as is always the case, but the present year has presented less difficulties than any during my experience in Amherst. I feel that at present the pupils of the town collectively are receiving better attention than at any time for many years.

Last year I made the statement that we had not been able to give the grammar school its fair part in the new work offered in the high school. This year we have more than overcome this difficulty and the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades now receive one-third of the time of four teachers. Counting double time for the classes where these two grades are combined they receive almost as much attention as the four upper classes. Shop Work and Domestic Science have been extended to them; a great deal of time has been given to improve their English, and more attention has been given them in Music and Drawing. Anticipating the new state program which now offers a language in grade seven we have given a small amount of time to beginning French. While this has been only a beginning in the language it may be sufficient to allow those who wish, to proceed with the new program next year.

In 1905 the Legislature authorized the state superintendent of public instruction to prepare courses of study as models for the school districts of the state. That year a program containing these courses was published. Gradually this program with its revisions has become

the standard for the state. Practically every district in the state and some of the cities follow it although they are not required by law to do so. Our schools have followed it for six years, grade by grade, and I am convinced they have kept up to standard. This Program is now being revised to keep up with modern ideas in education. The greatest change made by the revision is the provision for a six year high school course. This change has been advocated for nearly twenty years, but it has been during the last five year that cities and towns have had the courage of their convictions to adopt this system. Now nearly all new high school buildings are being built to accommodate either a six year high school or Junior and Senior high schools of three years each.

Below is a general summary of the program for the six grades and for the first two years of the six year high school:

PROGRAM

Grade I

A. Reading, Arithmetic, Writing.
B. Singing, Drawing, History stories, Hygiene, Nature Study, Plays and Games.

Grade II

A. Reading, Arithmetic, Writing.
B. Singing, Drawing, History stories, Hygiene, Plays and Games.
C. History, Hygiene, Nature Study, Humane Tr. of Animals.

Grade III

A. Reading, Arithmetic, Writing Spelling.
B. Singing, Drawing, Hygiene, Nature, Savings, Plays and Games.
C. History, Hygiene, Geography, Nature, Humane Tr. of Animals.

Grade IV

A. Arithmetic, Writing, Language Forms, Spelling, Geography, Music.

B. Drawing, Physiology, Nature, Savings, Current Events, Humane Tr., Play and Games.
C. History, Physiology, Nature, Industries, Civics.

Grade V

A. Arithmetic, Writing, Grammar, Spelling, Geography, Music.
B. Drawing, Nature, Manual Training or Sewing and Cooking, Savings, Current Events, Plays, Games.
C. History, Sanitation, Nature, Industries, Civics.

Grade VI

A. Arithmetic, Writing, Spelling, Geography, Music.
B. Drawing, Nature, Manual Training or Cooking and Sewing, Savings, Sanitation, Current Events, Plays and Games.
C. History, Nature, Industries, Civics.

Grade VII or High School 1st Year

A. (Curriculum 1) U. S. Hist., Elem. Science, Latin or French, Concrete Geometry, Manual Training or Cooking and Sewing.
(Curriculum II) U. S. Hist., Elem Science., Arith., Geometry, Manual Train. or Cooking and Sewing.
(Curriculum III) U. S. Hist., Elem. Science., Agriculture, Geometry, Manual Train. or Cooking and Sewing.
B. Drawing, Music, Civil Gov., Current Events, Plays and Games.
C. Literature.

Grade VIII or High School 2nd Year

A. (Curriculum I) U. S. Hist., Elem. Science., Latin or French, Elem. Alg., Man. Train. or Cooking and Sewing.
(Curriculum II) U. S. Hist., Elem. Science, Arithmetic, Elem. Alg., Man. Train or Cook. and Sew.
(Curriculum III) U. S. Hist., Elem. Science, Agriculture, Elem. Alg., Man. Train. or Cook. & Sew.
B. Drawing, Civil Gov., Music, Current Events, Plays and Games.
C. Literature.

The subjects under class "A" require systematic drill with daily recitations. Class "B" are general school exercises some of which may be conducted daily and others once in several days. In schools of two or three grades the whole school together can take part in these exercises. Class "C" are for silent or oral reading. The teacher likely will discuss with the pupils the facts learned from this reading and will carefully direct the selections of material. Some of the subjects which appear in Class "B" or Class "C" in the lower grades are raised to Class "A" in the upper grades. Spelling appears as a subject for class recitation in Grade III, Geography and Music in Grade IV, Grammar in Grade V, and an almost new list of subjects appear the first year of high school of Grade VII.

Amherst should be proud that her school is ahead and has anticipated this program which no doubt soon will be followed by a majority of the schools of the state. Beginning with grade seven or the first year in our high school, we are giving work in Mathematics similar to what will be required. Our school is equipped for Manual Training and Domestic Science, which already are offered our children. We have made a slight beginning in a Modern Language though some may wish to take a course not including this subject. We are provided to offer a small amount of Agriculture to those pupils who wish to specialize in this subject by beginning as early as the seventh grade. We have not been offering Elementary Science which is spoken of in the new program, but instead we have given some time to Geography, including Physical Geography, and have done more work in Grammar than is asked for. It is not necessary to accept every suggestion but it is good policy to use this program in so far as we find it best suited to local conditions. There are very few schools in the state where the program is so nearly in operation even before it is published as in our own school. The following daily program shows how this work is being done this year. The Roman numerals indicate year in school, the Arabic figures the number of pupils:

HIGH SCHOOL DAILY PROGRAM

9.00		OPENING EXERCISES		
	Mr. Bradford	Miss Gould	Miss Margot	Miss Hardy
9.15	Math. VII-6, VIII-10	French One X-11	Const. Hist. XI-2, XII-2	Eng. One IX-12
9.50	Math. One IX-11, X-1	English VII-6, VIII-10	English XI-7 Three XII-2	Eng. Two X-12
10.30		RECESS		
10.45	Agriculture IX-4 (Classes alternate) X-9	French Two XI-6 French Three XII-2	Study Hall	Geog. VII-6, VIII-10 alternates with Physiology VII-6, VIII-10
11.20	Math. Two X-8	Study hall	History VII-6, VIII-10 (Penmanship)	Dom. Science IX-5, X-3, XI-5, XII-1
12.00		NOON INTERMISSION		
1.00	Agriculture IX-4, X-9 F. Man. Tr. VII, VIII	Music or drawing VII and VIII	Beg. Latin IX-2, X-1	Dom. Science (F. VII, VIII)
1.40	Agriculture (Fri. Man. Tr. VII, VIII	Caesar X-2 Cicero XI-1	Beg. French VII-6 VIII-10	Dom. Science
2.30		RECESS		
2.45	Shop Work IX-4, X-9	Art Appreciation (2 or 3 days a week), IX-5, X-3, XI-5, XII-2	Grammar VII-6, VIII-2	Literature VIII-10 (Part time)
3.15	Shop Work	Grammar VIII-8	Music Appreciation (2 or 3 times a week)	Literature VII-6 (Part time)

Classes given in last four years of work of Amherst High School, with number of pupils who passed and number who failed, June 1915.

English I, 17-1; English II, 5-1; English III,2-0; English IV, 2-0; Beginning Latin, 1-1; Caesar, 1-0; French I, 7-0; French II, 2-0; French III, 2-0; Math. I, 13-4; Math., 2-0; Ancient History 3-1; Constitutional History, 2-0; Sewing and Cooking I, 14-1; Agriculture I, 10-0; Farm Shop Work, 10-0; Music and Art Appreciation, 14-0. The percentage of failures, 8.6, is smaller than is usually found in high schools. The pupils in Grades VII and VIII were promoted by grades rather than by subjects although there were one or two exceptions to this rule. Our general plan now permits a pupil to take advanced work in such subjects as he is quite strong in even though he has to repeat a grade.

Promotions and retardation for year ending July 15, 1915:

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot
No. promoted	13	17	13	21	19	13	23	16	135
No. not prom'ed	11	3	1	2	3	1			21
Av. age of class, beginning of year	6.5	8.0	8.2	9.3	10.9	11.9	13.5	14.1	

The new Practical Arts subjects, Agriculture, Domestic Science, Music and Art, and Farm Shop Work have been very popular and producing excellent results. The town has supported these classes by giving an adequate equipment for each. The field work in Agriculture the past summer was somewhat unsatisfactory because the season was not suitable for corn, and most of the boys had selected that crop for special home study. The Principal requests that we provide him a small field near the school for experimental work, for class instruction, and for school gardens. At least half an acre should be secured for him in time for early planting this spring. This should be withing a five minute walk of the school if possible. The Farm Shop Work has been delayed slightly by lack of forges. The section of the basement prepared for forge work is now ready, and a small equipment for blacksmithing will be installed soon.

The town is to be commended for its efforts to sup-

port good schools within its borders. It would cost less than $1000 to pay tuition for as many high school pupils as would attend out of town, yet Amherst is willing to tax itself nearly $1500 more to support a better school at home.

Teachers, 1915-1916, Showing Salary, Preparation and Experience

High School, Prin., F. C. Bradford, $1000, Harvard College and Univ. of Maine Agricultural, 6 years.
Louise H. Hardy, $550, Simmons College, 1 year.
Emma A. Gould, $597, Mt. Holyoke College, 1 year. (State certificate).
Florence Margot, $500, Boston Uni., none (State certificate)

Intermediate, Ruth E. Whittemore, $360, Lowell Normal, none.

Primary, Ruth F. Hathaway, $432, Lowell Normal, 2 yrs.

No. 2, None F. Kennedy, $432, State certificate, 11 **years.**

No. 3, Lillie T. A. Torngren, $360, Salem Normal, none.

No. 5, Addie P. Forbes, $396, Plymouth Normal, 14 yrs.

No. 7, Bertha Piper, $396, State certificate.

No. 9, Ruth Boudreau, $360, Lowell Normal, none.

No. 10, Anna B. Bursley, $360, Bridgewater Normal, none.

The annual teachers' salary list is $5743.00.

The prospective rebate from the state for Normal graduates or teachers holding state certificates is $720.

We were fortunate last year to have only one change of teacher during the school year. Of those listed above six are new to Amherst this year, but thus far there have been no changes since school began in September.

Attendance Table

For the year ending July 15, 1915. School year 36

	Boys	Girls	Total Attend.	Av. Membership	Av. Attendance	Tardiness
High School VII-XII F. C. Bradford Louise H. Hardy Emma A. Gould.	30	33	63	58.64	56.26	176
Intermediate IV-VI Eva C. Ward	15	11	26	24.29	22.79	10
Primary I-III Ruth F. Hathaway	14	9	23	17.62	17.52	30
No. 2 I-VI None F. Kennedy	22	12	34	30.85	28.76	237
No. 3 Florence E. Jamieson 30 wks Marion E. Cooney 6 wks	11	7	18	14.17	13.23	100
No. 5 Addie P. Forbes	6	7	13	9.15	7.71	2
No. 7 Daisy Woods	13	11	24	15.54	13.90	93
No. 9 (Attended No. 7 fall term) Cordelia C. Row 21 wks				7.00	6.62	39
No. 10 Carolyn Palmer	3	5	8	7.58	7.13	39
	114	95	209	184.84	172.92	726
Record for year ending July 15, 1914 was:	89	82	171	150.00	142.08	360

Most of the increase in attendance was caused by the return of Amherst high school pupils. We had 9 pupils attending Milford high school, 3 attending Milford grades, and 3 attending a rural school in Merrimack, which made our total number of pupils 224.

Number 9 was closed during the fall term of 1914 and the pupils were transported to Number 7. Number 6 and Number 8 have been closed since June 1912. Number 4 has been closed since Sept. 1913. The pupils from these districts attend the village schools.

While no extensive repairs have been made, the School Board have cared for all the school buildings. Number 4 was painted by the high school boys last May. It will need to be repapered and otherwise repaired inside when it is opened for school again, but at present the building is being preserved. Some immediate attention should be given the door and lock.

The interior of Number 5 was painted and whitewashed. Last year slate blackboards were installed. During the spring term the Manual Training class shingled the south side of the main roof, which leaves the school in excellent condition. The Sunday School which meets there has contributed a new bookcase.

Number 7 has been improved by paper, paint, and a steel ceiling. The exterior should be painted, a new floor should be laid, and some repairs should be made on the windows.

Slight repairs have been made on the windows and doors at Number 9, and a new stove recently has been purchased for this school. It should be papered and possibly painted inside this year and should be painted outside.

No changes have been made at Number 6 or Number 8, but the buildings seem to be well preserved.

Most of the repairs on the village building have been made in the basement. The cement floor is now complete except a space about 10 ft. by 25 ft. now covered by a store room and some fuel bins. Three windows have been enlarged. A room about 18 ft. square has been constructed as near sound proof as possible in the northeast corner of the basement to provide a place for forge work.

The following repairs and improvements are sug-

gested: Paint Number 7 and Number 9. Provide a new floor at Number 7, and at Number 4, when the building is opened. Paper and paint the interior of Number 9, also Number 4 if opened. Purchase new teachers' desks for Number's 3, 7, 9 and 10. Complete the remodeling of the basement of the village building to be used by the Practical Arts classes. Purchase two or three dozen adjustable desks of the movable type or provide chairs and tables for the rural schools. The old desks have been in the schools from 24 to 29 years and are becoming warped and worn so that we frequently are unable to find the right size to fit the pupils.

During the fall term I made an inventory of our books and card catalogued them. All the pupils are supplied with the regular text books which are in fair condition. For several years the supplementary reading has been bought in small sets which have been transferred from school to school. Sometimes a set cannot be collected for a large class because a slow class in a small school is using some of the books. The rural schools often are hindered in their work because of a delay in collecting or transporting a sufficient amount of supplementary reading. Ideal conditions would require that we place in each building in September all the books needed for each grade during the year. From a table given below we see that for the present year, providing for teachers and pupils, the sets for grades one to eight should contain 28, 23, 19, 21, 30, 24, 12 and 19 books respectively, or an average of two dozen books.

Enrollment by Schools and Grades, Feb. 1916.

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
High							6	10	12	14	11	2	55
Intermediate				4	9	7							20
Primary	10	8	5										23
No. 2	5	3	5	4	6	6							29
No. 3		5	2	1	3	2	1						14
No. 5		3	1	4		1							9
No. 7	4		1	1	3	1		3					13
No. 9	1				2			3					6
No. 10	3			1	1	1	2						8
Pupils	23	19	14	15	24	18	9	16	12	14	11	2	177
Teachers	5	4	5	6	6	6	3	3					
Books Required	28	23	19	21	30	24	12	19					

Amherst has a prominent record in the history of the state, yet few of our children know this history because it has not been available in a compact and interesting form. At a meeting of the village Improvement Society last May I explained this need of our schools and asked the society to interest someone to write a history that would be suitable for the use of school children. Mrs. E. F. Locke of West Medford heard of this request and volunteered to produce such a book from her father's history of Amherst. I understand that she already has made considerable progress on this work. When the book appears I recommend that the school board consider its adoption for use in all our schools.

Respectfully,

JOHN BACON,
Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Dr.

To balance in treas. Feb. 15, 1915	$ 616 87	
Use of projector	2 50	
Due from last year	1,267 50	
Town appropriation by law	2,392 50	
Town appropriation by vote	2,500 00	
Approp'n for text books (not drawn)	400 00	
Officer's salary	120 00	
Mont Vernon tax	23 74	
New Boston tax	42 17	
State literary fund and rebates	1,009 50	
Frank Hartshorn, Spalding interest	391 74	
C. P. Dodge, Lawrence interest	63 45	
Mont Vernon tuition	160 00	
Ronald B. Ross, tuition	40 00	
Leon Glover, tuition	87 77	
Dog tax	213 05	
		9,330 79

Cr.

Paid teachers	$5,365 60	
Fuel	251 93	
Care of houses	276 64	
New equipment	394 90	
Carrying pupils	521 90	
High school tuition	216 25	
Officer's salary	120 00	
Building supplies	43 50	
Approp'n for text books (not drawn)	400 00	
Miscellaneous	1,294 50	
Balance in treasury	445 57	
		9,330 79

Teachers

Daisy Wood	$ 136 00
Eva Ward	187 00
Carolyn Palmer	170 00

Ruth Hathaway	415 00	
Louise Hardy	552 04	
Emma A. Gould	564 21	
F. C. Bradford	1,000 00	
Cordelia Row	153 00	
None Kennedy	415 00	
Addie P. Forbes	385 00	
Florence Jameson	105 00	
Marion E. Coney	60 00	
Anna Bursley	190 00	
Ruth Budreau	190 00	
Bertha Piper	199 50	
Ruth Whittemore	190 00	
Florence Margot	263 85	
Lillian Tongren	190 00	
		$5,365 60

Fuel

Lemuel Fuller, wood	$ 44 00	
Haseltine & Caldwell, wood	3 75	
P. M. Odell, wood	6 50	
Fred H. Merrill, wood	6 25	
Mrs. C. H. Wetherbee, wood	26 00	
A. L. Pease, cutting wood	3 00	
F. C. Taylor, coal	126 43	
Ralph Holbrook, wood	21 00	
A. C. Richardson, wood	15 00	
		$251 93

Care of School House

L. F. Wyman	$155 00
Kathryn Clarkin, care No. 2	7 85
Henry Robinson, care No. 9	12 60
Annie Robinson, cleaning	4 00
Austin Merrill, cleaning	8 00
Clesson Fields, care No. 3	7 35
Albert Fields, care No. 3	5 25
Forest West, spraying & pick. moths	11 25
James Henderson, care No. 10	12 30
Addie Forbes, care No. 5	14 35
Orson Bragdon, care No. 7	8 04

A. E. Chickering, work No. 7	2 25	
Fred Merrill, repair fence No. 7	2 25	
James Allard	1 00	
George Wooley, care No. 3	5 25	
John C. Wooley, cleaning No. 3	4 50	
None Kennedy, care No. 2	5 25	
Lizzie West, cleaning No. 1	2 90	
Lester Bartlett, cleaning No. 5	2 00	
Leonard Hayward, care No. 10	5 25	
		$276 64

New Equipment

H. H. Barber	$ 23 40	
Emerson & Son	75	
J. Spalding & Son	7 56	
H. H. Barber	17 08	
Singer sewing machine	23 04	
W. W. Sloan, fire extinguishers	56 00	
Frank Hartshorn Co.	18 90	
H. B. Burtt	17 29	
Edna Tyler,book case	10 00	
W. E. Murphy, freight	6 54	
A. L. Pease, putting in seats	10 00	
Readsboro Chair Co.	135 00	
H. H. Barber	4 44	
Emerson & Son	5 90	
John H. Dodge	8 25	
Frank Hartshorn	7 75	
A. L. Pease	12 55	
P. Jenkins	8 50	
L. F. Wyman	21 95	
		$394 90

Transportation

M. W. Perry	$ 57 40	
Levi Raymond	54 00	
Harry Kathan	105 00	
W. D. Clark	157 00	
Levi Stockwell	115 00	
J. W. Morse	33 50	
		$521 90

High School Tuition

Mrs. J. B. Pettengill	$ 15 80	
Town of Milford	200 45	
		$216 25

School Officers

W. W. Sloan	$30 00	
Cora E. Holbrook	30 00	
Fannie L. Clark	30 00	
W. D. Clark, Treas.	30 00	
		$120 00

Building Supplies

W. E. Murphy	$ 94	
A. B. Lothrop	12 75	
A. L. Martin	8 65	
C. B. Dodge	2 50	
H. B. Burtt	7 47	
A. L. Martin	11 19	
		$43 50

Miscellaneous

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	$ 34 04
J. P. Melzer, printing	15 00
Milford school telephone	6 80
John Bacon, telephone and express	17 59
E. S. Heald, writing diplomas	1 00
Oscar Burns, medical services	2 50
J. Knox, tuning piano	5 00
J. E. Fowle, rent of annex	36 00
A. B. Rotch, Supt. salary	504 00
H. B. Burtt	21 55
E. M. Stickney	60
Town of Merrimack, tuition	49 50
A. L. Martin	60 52
D. Appleton	1 43
M. D. Clark	25
H. H. Parkhurst	1 50
W. W. Sloan, freight and express	17 49

W. W. Sloan, clerk	4 00	
Milford Cabinet	1 20	
Milford Light & Power Co.	14 23	
To balance text book account	500 30	
		$1,294 50

Text Books and Supplies

American Book Co.	$24 56	
Ginn & Co.	4 96	
Houghton & Mifflin	6 76	
D. C. Heath & Co.	11 75	
R. E. Lane	2 00	
The University Chicago Press	27 65	
Whitcomb Barrows	3 45	
Market Growers Journal	1 00	
Houghton & Miffin	16 58	
E. E. Babb & Co.	57 68	
Ginn & Co.	26 16	
University Chicago Press	23 02	
American Book Co.	33 72	
Milton Bradley	11 16	
E. E. Babb & Co.	97 56	
Webb Pub. Co.	8 77	
D. C. Heath & Co.	16 72	
Silver Burdett Co.	10 03	
Chas. E. Lauriatt Co.	92 85	
Ginn & Co.	21 85	
Chas. E. Lauriatt	1 97	
		$500 30

Nut Fund

Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1915	$583 21

Cr.

University prints	$ 3 31	
Breeder's Gazette	75	
University prints	35	
Piper McIntire	16 75	
Bal. in treasury	562 05	
		$583 21

Repair Fund

Dr.

Town appropriation	$400 00

Cr.

L. F. Wyman	$20 55	
Frank Hartshorn Co.	13 63	
Boston Metal Ceiling Co.	17 79	
D. N. Broome, work on ceiling	53 29	
Henry Cochran	4 00	
F. T. Boutelle	17 08	
F. T. Boutelle	3 50	
John P. Fletcher, shingles	24 00	
H. B. Burtt	39 30	
H. J. Cochran	3 00	
F. T. Boutelle	30 26	
L. B. Lovejoy, stone work	49 09	
L. F. Wyman	14 50	
W. F. French	5 01	
F. T. Boutelle	4 68	
F. C. Taylor	21 12	
Burton W. Prince	2 50	
Balance in treasury	76 70	
		$400 00

Lawrence Fund

Dr.

Balance in treasury	$63 78	
Received from Northern R. R.	36 00	
		$99 78

Cr.

W. P. Goodman, books	$44 04	
Cora E. Holbrook, cash paid for book	3 00	
Balance in treasury	52 74	
		$99 78

W. D. CLARK,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. F. WYMAN,
C. P. DODGE,
Auditors

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature enacted June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,
Town Clerk.

Births Registered in The Town of Amherst for The Year Ending December 31, 1915.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Feb. 24	Amherst	James Cedrick	M			1		James N. Peach	Martha L. Wetherbee		Amherst	Farmer	Newbury Vt	No Haverhill NH
Mar. 10	"	Stockwell		F		1		Dustin	Almira Stockwell		"	Farmer	Canada	New Boston
Apr. 5	"	Arnold		F		2		Andrew Arnold	Margaret Leavitt		"	Farmer	Manchester	Amherst
Apr. 28	"	Helen Hubley		F		4		Albert Hubley	Ethel V. Whittemore		"	Teamster	Kittery Me	Goffstown
Apr. 30	"	Everett Leroy	M			1		Elmer White	Elvira C. Stockwell		"	Laborer	Nashua N H	Concord N H
May 2	"	Evelyn Farwell		F		4&1		Fred O. Stevens	Blanche Farwell		"	Butcher	Wetherfield Vt	Cambridge Mass
May 8	"			F		5		John B. Leeland	Myrtie Allard		"	Salesman	Sherburne Mass	Keene N H
May 13	"	Buzzell		F		6		William A. Buzzell	Emily Cummings		"	Farmer	Barrington N H	Washburn Me
June 19	"	William Bradford	M			2		Frederick C. Bradford	Pearl E. Whitehouse		"	Teacher	Lowell Mass	Wellesley Mass
June 28	"	Eugene L.	M			4		Arthur A. Field	Mamie E. Mills		"	Clerk	Starke Vt	Worcester Mass
Aug. 1	"	Iva Louise		F		5		Raymond F. Palmer	Iva Daniels		"	Laborer	Pelham N H	Litchfield Mass
Aug. 24	"	Howard Revere	M			3		Howard Locke	Louise L. Ford		"	Farmer	Beachmont Mass	Hyde Park Mass
Aug. 29	"	Smith		F		4		Percy A. Smith	Dora Doucette		"	Laborer	Suncook N H	Pittsfield N H
Aug. 27	"	Alice Wilhelmina		F				J. Stanley Bell	Susan L. Moulton		"	Painter	Rowley Mass	Middleton Mass
Dec. 10	"	Elizabeth Adelade		F		1		Richard D. Ware	Emily J. Ludlow		"	Lawyer	Clifton Mass	Marquette Mich
Dec. 23	"	Winslow Warren	M			4		Horace G. Hanson	Etta M. Adams		"	Farmer	Amherst N H	Portland Me

All Living — All White — All White

Marriages Registered in The Town of Amherst for The Year Ending December 31, 1915.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
June 2	Lawrence Mass	Thomas F Buckley	Amherst	27		Laborer	Amherst	Daniel Buckley	Ireland		1	John Gilday, Clergyman Lawrence, Mass
								Johanna Burke				
		Catherine C. Conley	Lawrence Mass	27		At home	Ireland	James Conley	Ireland		1	
								Bridget Melia				
June 3	Amherst N H	Harold W. Perry	Amherst	21		Clerk	Cambridge Mass	Melvin W. Perry	Yarmouth N S		1	Jonathan S. Lewis Clergyman, Amherst, N H
								Margaret Stevens	Danville P Q			
		Pearl C. Seabury	Amherst	20		At home	Newbury Me	Elmer A. Seabury	Auburn Me		1	
								Inez Young	Bangor Me			
Sept. 18	Amherst N H	Roy E. Carpenter	Amherst	22		Woodworker	Cambridge Mass	Martin B. Carpenter	Cornish N H		1	Jonathan S. Lewis Clergyman, Amherst, N H
								Alice O Clough	Claremont N H			
		Eunice E. Berwick	Bedford N H	19		Housework	Barton Vt	John Berwick	Bedford N H		1	
								Edith Dutton	Charlestown N H			
Nov. 8	Milford N H	Arthur J. Hogle	Manchester N H	29	All White	Wool Sorter	ManchesterNH	Elmer E. Hogle	Lawrence Mass		1	Henry E. Lennon Catholic Priest. Milford, N H.
								Mary F. Harmon	Ireland			
		Mary C. McGuinness	Amherst	26		At home	Lowell Mass	John F. McGuinness	Londonderry		1	
								Margaret Callihan	Ireland			
Dec. 12	Hollis N H	Forrest D. West	Amherst	23		Merchant	Springfield Ms	Frank West	Concord N H		1	R. W. French, Clergyman, Hollis, N H
								Etta M. West	Amherst N H			
		Daisy L. Woods	Hollis N H	24		Teacher	Hollis N. H	Lewis G. Wood	Coventry Vt		1	
								Mary E. Plummer	Lyndeboro N H			
Dec. 12	MilfordNH	Levi J. Hartshorn	Amherst	38		Farmer	Amherst	Frank Hartshorn	Amherst		1	W. H. Walbridge Clergyman Milford, N H
								Elizabeth Knight	Bedford			
		Emma M. Ingerson	Milford N H	20		At home	West Upton Ms	Hermon E. Ingerson	Newport N H		1	
								Jessie I Pond	Bennington N H			
Dec. 14	Amherst NH	Arthur W. Ogden	Amherst	40		Blacksmith	NewBrunswick	Nelson Ogden			2	Jonathan S. Lewis Clergyman, Amherst, N H
								Sophia Boyce				
		Clara D. Caldwell	Amherst	38		Housekeeper	Amherst	Lucias F. Bills	Amherst N H		2	
								Eliza J. Farley	Londonderry N H			

Deaths Registered in The Town of Amherst for The Year Endnig December 31, 1915.

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 31	Daniel Joy	75	7	18	Lubec Me	M	All White	M	Machinist	Lubec Me	Digby Vt	Daniel Joy	Martha Cheney
Feb. 22	Rosa A. Staples	48	3	2	Amherst N H	F		S	Housekeeper	Plymouth Vt	Maine	Samuel E. Staples	Clara Lang
March 12	Mary M. Crowther	57	10	7		F		M	Housewife				
" 21	Ursula C. Clement	89	8	2	New London	F		W	Housewife	New London	New London	Benjamin Adams	Sarah Wardwell
" 21	Augusta C. Rideout	90	8	21	Milford N H	F		W	Housewife		Amherst	Moses Squares	Susanna Barron
April 19	John W. Proctor	59	6	14	Hancock Md	M		S	Laborer	Hancock Md	Hancock Md	Nelson Proctor	
" 21	Lucius F. Bills	68	11	29	Amherst	M		M	Teamster	Amherst	Amherst	Freeman C. Bills	Catherine Twiss
" 8	GeorgeEverett Holbrook	60	4	27	Amherst	M		M	Farmer	E. Alstead N H	Franconia N H	Francis W. Holbrook	Olive C. Howland
" 28	John W. Sawyer	88	9		E. Alstead NH	M		W	Carpenter	Atkinson N H		Jonathan Sawyer	Harriet Dwenell
May 3	Frank D. Holbrook	45	4	4	Bedford N H	M		M	Milk dealer	Bedford N H	Lyndeboro N H	Joseph G. Holbrook	Emily Cram
" 12	Ruth M. Clark	80	6	10	Milford N H	F		M	Housewife	Medford Mass	Bedford Mass	David W. Hall	Mary Ball
" 13	Nancy H. Moulton	88	5	13	Amherst N H	F		S	At home	Windham Mass		Daniel Moulton	Mary Hartshorn
" 26	Elizabeth C. Look	74	11	10	Amherst N H	F		W	At home	Acworth N H	Milford N H	David D. McKean	Elizabeth P. Blanchard
June 6	Joshua A. Skinner	84	8	10	Reading Mass	M		M	Mechanic	Lynnfield Mass	Mt Vernon N H	Joshua F. Skinner	Mary J. Peabody
July 3	Eugene L. Field			5	Amherst N H	M		S		Stark Vt	Worcester Mass	Arthur A. Field	Mamie E. Mills
" 17	Elsie R. Bickford	72	1	10	Somerville Ms	F		M	At home	Lyndeboro N H	Bradford N H	Aaron W. Russell	Elsie O. Presbey
" 17	Leslie Miller	75	11	26	Boston Mass	M		W	Optician	Watertown Mass		John Miller	
Sept. 1	Frederick P. Wilson	63			Dedham Mass	M		M	Laborer			Jacob Wilson	Betsey Snyder
" 11	Laura M. Peabody	86	8	6	Reading Vt	F		M	At home			Willard Holden	
Nov. 15	Sarah L. Lowe	58		28	Amherst	F		S		Fitzwilliam	Wilmington Mas	Newton Lowe	Helen Richardson
Dec. 21	John Page	61	6	22	Redford N Y	M		W	Farmer	England	Highgate Vt	John E. Page	Sophia Washburn

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Wm. W. SLOAN, *Town Clerk.*

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